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Huskies clip Hawk's wings

Centre Adam Smeeton of the Huskies chases the puck against the Trenton Golden Hawks on Oct. 12 in Minden. For more photos of the game, see inside this issue. /TIM YANO Staff

MH considers grants, despite no projects for money

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Water and wastewater upgrades lowers operating costs.

Minden Hills municipal staff have set their sights on a couple grants, one that could spur residential growth in the township and another that could improve water and wastewater assets to keep pace with any residential growth.

The Housing-Enabling Core Servicing (MHIP-HECS) Grant, with an application deadline of Oct. 18, targets new residential unit growth within the province.

The Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) Intake II Grant has a Nov. 1 application deadline and it targets new residential unit growth but within the sphere of water and wastewater assets for that growth.

For the MHIP-HECS, the provincial government would contribute 50 per cent up to \$20 million with the township providing the other 50 per cent of the total project cost.

The grant is centred on municipality-owned assets for the development, repair, rehabilitation and expansion of road and bridge projects to promote growth and enable housing. The money also covers sidewalks, bike paths, and trails.

A successful HEWSF Intake II Grant focuses on township-owned assets for water, wastewater, and storm water projects. The grant has the province provide in 73 per cent up to \$35 million with the township covering other 27 per cent of the total project cost.

Council heard when it met Oct. 10 that staff is in the process of working out the details of the overall project to determine the best course of action to ensure residential

growth potential.

According to a report to council, there is potential to enhance linear infrastructure and water and wastewater assets if the project is connected to or supports additional housing.

Wendelin Lonergan, the township's finance director, said there is a quick turnaround to apply for the grants. Despite the tight deadlines, the municipality has contractor-assurance that the work could be done in the allotted timeframe.

"It's before council to allow staff to get all the logistics in place," she said.

Given the municipality lacks both an asset management plan and a strategic plan, there are no planned projects to which the grants can be applied.

"I understand they go to specific areas, but we don't, I believe, as a township have a plan in place to spend that money," Councillor Ivan Ingram said.

"We would have the old asset management plan in place, but you just don't have the new one for 2024 asset management plan in place," Lonergan said. "That will be coming this fall."

Public Works staff have taken a look at where the "pinch points" are in the water and sewer system, she said.

"In the water and sewer grant, that's going to be more where we're going to be focused in on because the developers still have to put in their dollars for the roadwork for the project," she said.

Coun. Pam Sayne said it's refreshing to see the township applying for grant money. But she doesn't know what council is being asked to approve and how much money is associated with it.

"We're not being asked to approve

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Mayors meet with school board on bussing needs

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Minden Hills' council boss hopes to get an understanding of why a school bus was taken off a route in the township.

Mayor Bob Carter said during the Oct. 10 council meeting that he and Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey will meet with Trillium Lakelands District School Board officials to discuss the apparently arbitrary change in bussing.

Safety concerns created by the bus cancellation were also broached during a meeting September.

Some young Minden Hills students now have to walk almost two kilometres to get to school in the morning and to get home in the afternoon. Safety concerns about that trek are compounded by inclement weather.

The bus route's absence also affects nearby Dysart where some high school students have as much as three kilometres between home and the school.

"Hopefully we will find some more of the reasoning and the background for why the decision was made," Carter said. "And then hopefully can work out something."

"In our discussions with the school board so far, we're not particularly hopeful."

He hopes a face-to-face meeting will entail discussion that will yield some direction to resolution.

"Depending on our level of success there, we will go beyond that to move it up the ladder to the (Ministry of Education)," he said.

The roads become more dangerous when the snow starts to fly. Given that, the mayor would like to see a resolution before that.

Township premature, says CAO

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anything at this point," Carter said.

"We have to approve a grant application," Sayne said.

"The problem is that anything that's been going on at this point has all be in the pre-consultation stage," Carter said.

"And there is people looking to try to do things but they're astounded at how much it's going to cost them and whether or not they can make the project make sense. So this is a way to potentially balance the books."

Cynthia Fletcher, the CAO, said the township is a bit premature with the grant applications. They were enthusiastic to apply for the grant. They're not looking at doing any work that a developer would contribute to.

"One of the things that I asked staff to do is look at our

water and wastewater," Fletcher said. "We're not going to offset development costs."

But, she said, the township is looking at the capacity and flow at one of its pumping stations that would have to accommodate a subdivision development.

"And that's what we're looking at making application for," she said. "Is to improve or upgrade some of our sanitary system and our water system to support housing coming into our community."

"It would be ideal for us to be able to go in an orderly fashion where we actually had a project and we could apply for a grant," Carter said. "Unfortunately, that's not how the provincial government works. You've got two weeks to come up with any requests you might have over the next number of years."



Easton's Valumart donates 450 snack bags to ASES Healthy Snack Program

Easton's Valumart is a proud supporter of President's Choice Children's Charities. They work to ensure that students have food and are ready to learn at school. They recently made an impact locally in Minden by donating 450 snack bags to the school and were part of raising funds that contributed over \$10,000 to the ASES Healthy Snack Program. /Submitted



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Third housing summit date set

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Times Staff

While the topic of housing continues to be a topic of discussion amongst many round tables throughout the county, Fay Martin wants to add pressure to the progress.

Following the two successful housing summits in 2018 and 2023, the third one is slated for Oct. 24 at the Minden Community Centre. “We are setting it up like a report card of progress for Haliburton County,” said Martin, who will be chairing the event, and has been a tireless advocate for affordable housing across the county for decades.

The full-day event will follow the same format as previous years, hosting both speakers from afar who are implementing “outside

the box” strategies to housing crises across the province, as well as locals who are either faced with housing woes, or doing their part to aid in the problems that arise on the homefront.

In light of the event being the third in a series of successful summits, Martin hopes to use the day to highlight what progress has been made, and where it has fallen flat. “We can do a comparison year over year,” she said, “to see the situations where we are continuing to grow, as well as looking forward to where we’re going.”

One of the hot topics that Martin hopes will arise from the day is the streamlining of zoning between municipalities and the county. At past summits, it was noted that homebuilders ran into an abundance of “red tape” when it came to getting approval for builds,

or alternative options such as granny suites or bunkies on the property. Martin hopes that there can be some consideration in place when it comes to both simplifying as well as streamlining the process for builders to move forward in a safe and productive manner.

Other topics that will be discussed at the coming summit are items such as densification, waste water management to multi-unit builds, and childcare as a need that can potentially be tied to housing in the area.

Martin has also invited Habitat for Humanity to speak to their ongoing projects, as well as a the dean from Haliburton School of Art + Design, Xavier Masse, who will answer questions about the current development of student housing on their property at College Drive in Haliburton. “The student housing is a part of the solution,” said Martin.

“It begs the question of whether the places the students lived before would suddenly open up for others to live in the community.”

This year’s summit will be done in collaboration with the County of Haliburton, which allows Gary Dyke, the county’s CAO, to speak to some of the ongoing concerns that crop up when it comes to housing in the area. Martin hopes that by partnering with the county, it will continue to spark conversation around housing, and keep it at the forefront of discussion as developments continue to take shape.

The 2024 Housing Summit is set for Oct. 24 at the Minden Community Centre, and runs from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided, but must be confirmed by contacting Martin at fay@placesforpeople.ca. The event is free to attend.

Minutiae remains in STR regulation in county

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Haliburton County is crossing the Ts before its short-term rental bylaw appeals committee can get off the ground.

Scott Ovell, the county’s economic development and tourism director, laid out the remaining process changes regarding the short-term rentals (STR) bylaw appeals committee to Minden Hills council on Oct. 10.

The appeals committee will be comprised of five members managed by the county. There will be a member from each of the four lower tier municipalities and the county warden as the fifth.

As it’s a mechanism to hear appeals from STR operators, the group will meet only when needed to weigh an argument. It will meet within 15 days of when the appeal is filed.

Municipal staff of the township in which the STR operates will compile a report and collect applicable background information related to the appeal.

The committee will weigh the arguments and deliberate on whether or not to support the municipality or provide a different recommendation.

Those details about the committee’s composition and role were given to county council in May. The summer was spent

massaging the finer details and its terms of reference.

Ovell said the local committee is unique in that it’s the only jurisdiction where the responsibility for deciding appeals rests at the county level.

A transfer of powers bylaw has to be tabled with the county and then at least three of the four townships must support the consent resolution for the transfer to be greenlighted.

“Those three municipalities actually have to constitute three-quarters of the population of Haliburton County,” Ovell said. “They refer to it as the triple majority, I believe, in the Municipal Act.”

Ovell hopes all that can be completed in late fall and the committee can be in place by Christmas. The STR bylaw came into effect Oct. 1.

“This is more of a formality of process,” he said. “And it was noted that if we didn’t catch this at the time, basically we would’ve had an appeal committee meeting and making decision that they had no authority to make.”

The effort to regulate STRs has caused much discussion, Mayor Bob Carter said. It can be reasonably argued that certain aspects of the new rules has been contentious at times. That makes quelling a possible perception of bias paramount.

“Because money is involved we didn’t want to be in a situation where, at the municipal level, if a license was rejected that the people would say it was because somebody in the town doesn’t like me or whatever it is,” he said.

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— BOB CARTER, MAYOR OF MINDEN HILLS

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The county is a step that removes the individual municipality from such final decisions as STR operator appeals.

“That’s why the county came up with this approach,” Carter said.

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- The MHCC and the HCPL-Minden Branch are offering a free screening on October 17th at 1 pm of *Borealis*, a documentary by acclaimed filmmaker Kevin McMahon.
- The UFO Group is meeting at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Friday, Oct. 18th from 1-3 pm. Bring a beverage, a snack and your unfinished project to work on.

For more information on all the programs and exhibits email culturalcentre@mindenhill.ca or call 705-286-3763.

COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. Meetings begin at 9:00 am unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- **October 31 – Regular Council Meeting**
- **November 14 -regular Council Meeting**

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Minden Pride speaks out

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Times Staff

An act of vandalism at Head Lake Park in Haliburton has tripped alarms for Minden Pride.

The community organization was approached early last week, when some passerby in the park noticed homophobic slurs etched into the woodwork at the bandstand, overlooking Head Lake. The municipality, as well as the local police forces, were made aware of the vandalism, and while the slurs have since been sanded down, the mark they made on the 2SLGBTQIA+ community have cut deeper.

“This is not something we take lightly,” said Chris Hewson, the co-chair of Minden Pride. “When you deface something

in public like that, you’re not directing it at one person. You’re directing it to a whole community.”

Minden Pride was formed in 2016, in light of the tragic shootings that occurred at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, which coincided with homophobic graffiti being plastered across a Haliburton storefront.

Since their conception, the volunteer not-for-profit committee has grown exponentially; from their early days of a flag raising and cake to a week-long festival that includes events and experiences for everyone. “I am so proud to be a part of Pride,” said Hewson. “There’s a spirit of unity, and we can really make an impact on that education, and that need for discourse.”

Hewson shared that the act of vandalism represents a gap between education and understanding. “Sometimes that gap

can feel like a little crack, and sometimes it can be a gulf,” he said. “It’s disheartening.”

In terms of moving forward, Hewson believes that by filling in that educational gap, more people can begin to understand and accept Pride in the community. “We need to be a part of more conversations,” he said, “to ensure we have a seat at the table.”

He noted that many see Pride as “a little blip” in the year, and the organization aims to continue the conversation around inclusivity and understanding year-round. “We are diverse, open, and welcoming,” said Hewson, “and we need to show up. That’s so important.”

All are welcome to attend any of Minden Pride’s year-round events.

For more information, visit mindenpride.ca.

Haliburton bike share program hits the world stage

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Times Staff

Sustainable tourism is a hot topic these days.

And Ontario’s Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) is taking the steps to do their part when it comes to this mindful approach to tourism.

OHTO held their annual general meeting on Oct. 9 to a Zoom audience of over 50 people. The regional tourism organization is comprised of six counties, 45 municipalities, and 23,840, and highlights Haliburton County and spans right up to Ottawa Valley.

Out of the attendees at the AGM, many were representing Haliburton County businesses; including local accommodations, restaurants, and tourism destinations.

Meghan James, a member of the board of directors from OHTO, kicked off the meeting by thanking those who make the organization thrive. “It’s a people business,” she said. “We came together in challenging times, and we celebrate successes together.”

Going into their 15th year, OHTO welcomes all folks in the tourism world to join their organization. They offer united branding and marketing efforts, inside tips and tricks to succeed in tourism, and one on one support through the highs and lows of travel seasons. “We are an organization that always aims high,” said Nicole Whiting, the executive director of OHTO. “And we are proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish together.”

Whiting noted that the organization has been diligently working towards offering useful information to both tourism providers and travellers alike. “We are collecting both qualitative and quantitative data to tell a better story,” she said.

And the stories are the core of their advertising strategies. Marketing coordinator Luisa Sorrentino shared how she and the OHTO team have been dedicated to their “locally inspired” campaign over the past year. The premise of the marketing initiative is to highlight the personal stories of community members and businesses, and focus on the stories behind the people, as opposed to an anonymous push to visit OHTO communities.

Sorrentino shared that the campaign was a success, with over twelve million online impressions, and over 34,000 referrals to local operators. The marketing strategy also sent people to the OHTO website, with over 111,000 browsers landing on the site, which markets and promotes local businesses and features.

One of the major highlights of the year was the identification of the bike share program in Haliburton, made possible by the Rotary Club of Haliburton. The program was showcased by Destination Think as one of the top 100 travel innovations to inspire and inform; reaching a global audience. “Travel has the power to give us new perspectives about recreation and transportation when we go home,” reads the Destination Think website. “Riding a bike is good fun, good exercise and emission free. And it’s not only for vacations and holidays in places like Haliburton, Ontario.”

Since 2022, the bikes have been borrowed over 400 times, with an average of 16 used per week in 2023, and an increase up to 28 per week this past summer. The bikes live in Head Lake Park, and are free to rent and use, as long as a security deposit is put in place. Helmets are included in the rental, and Algonquin Outfitters have an agreement with Haliburton



The bike share program in the heart of Haliburton, presented in collaboration between the Rotary Club of Haliburton and Algonquin Outfitters, was identified on the global stage as a successful sustainable tourism initiative. /DAVID ZILSTRA staff

Rotary to maintain and support the bike management. Rotary intends to one day add to their current fleet to keep up with demand and interest for the free service.

OHTO linked this bike sharing program back to their sustainability initiatives. “We are going beyond just talk,” said Whiting, noting that two years ago, OHTO began their process to implement green step solutions to their local tourism mandates. After a rigorous application process, Whiting and the OHTO team were thrilled to announce at the AGM that they have officially been recognized as a Bronze Certified Destination.

Whiting said that this is a tangible jumping point to which they can continue to build from; to recognize where they are succeeding, and identify areas they can improve with sustainable tourism on the forefront of future marketing and programming directives for the organization.

OHTO encouraged all local tourism businesses, as well as visitors to go to their website at ohto.ca to complete any surveys, and share feedback about the community so that they have working stories to continue to build their brand and recognition. “We want to share your celebrations, and share your successes,” said Whiting.

Children's clothing store fills need in community

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Times Staff

Little Duds is officially open for business in the heart of downtown Minden. The owner, Wanda Bacon, said that since opening, about three weeks ago, she's barely been able to keep up with the interest in the community.

"We were in the process of adding shelves and painting, but people kept knocking at the door to come in," she laughed. "So we decided to go ahead and just open up. We will keep working away whenever we get a quiet moment."

The shop carries second-hand clothing for babies and children, as well as maternity wear and some select teen and adult outfits. "There's nothing like this in town," said Bacon, noting that clothes for babies in particular are hard to come by in the community.

Bacon is originally from Minden, and worked in the shop when it was on Bobcaygeon Road about ten years ago. Back then, the building sold though, and the original owner had a hard time finding somewhere else to move, so the concept of the little shop folded.

When Bacon heard about the vacancy on Bobcaygeon Road though, she jumped at the opportunity. "I love the foot traffic that comes in," she said. "Plus, I grew up in Minden, so I wanted to stay right here in Minden."

Little Duds is currently accepting donations of gently used clothing, and Bacon has started an incentive program for anyone who drops goods off. "I am hoping to start putting

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— WANDA BACON, OWNER OF LITTLE DUDS

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names in a draw to win a gift card," she said, noting that if she receives donations for free, the price of the clothing in the store can be as affordable and accessible as possible.

Little Duds is located at 112 Bobcaygeon Road, and is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Wanda Bacon, the new owner of Little Duds in downtown Minden, is thrilled to be in her hometown, doing what she loves. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



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Let’s talk about housing

THE UPCOMING housing summit on Oct. 24 marks the third year that the topic has come to the forefront for politicians, businesses, and concerned citizens. It’ll be an interesting comparison year over year. With the first summit landing two years before the COVID-19 pandemic was even a whisper, the second falling two years after it had reared its ugly head, and the most recent scheduled for a time where the pace of the world seems to have ambled to a steady stride.

We all know the pandemic played a big role on the housing market. With the sudden need for more room to quite literally breathe, Haliburton County became a destination for many long-term city dwellers to call home.

The composition of our community changed. School numbers skyrocketed, hospitals hummed, property values propagated.

It was a boom that seemed to happen overnight.

And as the world crept through the cycles of uncertainty, we wondered when the other shoe would drop.

In light of the steady stride we seem to have cautiously eased into over the past few years, the dynamics of the housing market has once again changed.

At one point, it was middle-of-the road, family homes that were in demand.

But while I was speaking to a colleague who’s in the real estate world, apparently many of those families are now packing up and heading back to the city. The room to breathe now hitting its expiration point.

At one point, homes in that range would stay on the market a matter of

hours; being scooped up before the listing even hit the site.

Now, we wander past family homes that would have been deemed a “low price point” only a few years ago; the ‘for sale’ sign fading from sitting out so long without so much as a nibble.

Beyond the population shifts in recent years, housing needs have changed based on all the price points we navigate on a day-to-day basis.

Exorbitant grocery prices have many realizing that the properties that once seemed “affordable” no longer fit into their budget. Costs of food,

of clothing, of heat, of basic survival have all skyrocketed, making the idea of “affordable housing” sound like an oxymoron.

No matter what is happening in the housing world; the rises and falls and needs and wants, we can’t deny that it is always a topic of conversation.

In recent years, many have adopted the words “houseless” or “unhoused” when referencing the concept of being without a physical address. That’s because the word “home” can have a much more complex meaning associated with it. “Home” can be a car, a friend’s house, a shelter. Many places can be a home, but being without a house is something entirely different.

And while we don’t always see the unhoused in rural communities, there are still many falling through the cracks, trying to grapple with the uncertainty of the ever-changing market we are faced with.

And while the conversations change year over year about the topic; the rises and falls and needs and wants, it doesn’t make the conversations any less important.



EMILY STONEHOUSE
Times Staff

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“Imagine you’re binge-watching an entire season of a great show without getting up once.”

Gone with the wind

LAST SATURDAY, I found out I smell funny. This discovery apparently came as no surprise to my family and friends.

The sad thing is I had to learn it from a deer – and, frankly, in a hurtful way too.

You see I was bowhunting from a ground blind when I noticed a big doe approaching.

Everything was perfect. The wind was in my favour and I was silent and well hidden. Furthermore, I had an antlerless tag in my pocket and was looking forward to using it.

So, you’ll have to excuse me for thinking that my bow season was about to end quickly – which was fine by me, because there is still a lot of waterfowl and small game hunting to do.

But it was not to be. As soon as this doe got above me on the ridge, it started snorting, wheezing and stomping its feet.

When I told this to Jenn, she asked why it would do that.

“That behaviour is an alarm signal to other deer that something is not right,” I explained. “I’m guessing that doe sounded the alarm because the violent winds swirled and rose from of my damp, soggy bottom into her incredibly sensitive nose.”

“Oh dear,” Jenn said. “I understand completely. I’ve been in exactly the same situation.”

Which was odd since I have never known her to deer hunt.

“The thing is, even though the deer smelled something funny, I don’t think it was really sure what it was,” I continued.

Jenn just nodded her head and replied, “That’s often the case for sure.”

“Despite this, it walked into my bait site very suspiciously, snorting and wheezing and stomping every few steps,” I said.

“You should have arrowed it,” she said, which was a strange thing for her to say, since she has always been on the fence about who to root for in a deer hunt.

Then she clarified, by adding, “A least you would have put it out of its suffering.”

I’m still not sure why she thought the deer was suffering though.

But she was right. I could have arrowed it. I had it broadside and dead to rights at 15 yards. Unfortunately for me, it was also still on high alert and staring directly into my ground blind.

If I had loosed an arrow, it would have seen it coming. And that would have caused the deer to react with its lightning reflexes. It likely would have ducked, which might have resulted in a missed shot, or, worse still, a poorly placed one.

That’s why I did not shoot. And a second or two later, that deer, bolted off.

I know it’s hard to believe but this happened two more times in the next hour with one other deer too. It did get closer than 25 yards. Nor did it offer any good shot opportunities.

Right after that, I conceded that the conditions were not right for me in that stand, even though the wind direction was theoretically perfect on paper. So, I snuck out and will not go back until the wind is a little more favourable to that stand.

The thing is, that hunt was not a waste of time. Those deer taught me a valuable lesson.

From here on in. I will never mention bad winds, funny smells, and damp, soggy bottoms to my friends and family again.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

How technology changes our language

PEOPLE WHO write things tend to have a favourite way of doing so. Some prefer the slow contemplative pace of pen and paper, others prefer the quicker pace that typing yields. When I write these columns, I open up a word processing app (usually Microsoft Word, but other programs like Google Docs work just as well) and usually from the comfort of my living room couch type about something technology related until the word count starts to approach 800.

When I go back through what I've written, Word has helpfully underlined all manner of transgressions of spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Currently, me and Microsoft disagree on my spelling of favourite with a "u" (even though I've set the language to Canadian English), how many commas I use in a sentence (usually too many), and my tendency to add additional and apparently unneeded words like "open up" instead of just "open". Tools like spellcheck, grammar check, and auto-correct can all be very helpful. However, they also play a part in shaping how we use language. Whether it's convincing every Canadian to drop the "u" in favourite, or working diligently to decrease the surplus comma population.



ERIN KEROHAN-BERNING
Humans and Technology

Language has always changed with technology. Some phrases we still use today stem from the use of technology at the time. The phrase "taken aback" is a nautical phrase that originally described a sudden wind blowing the sails on ships in the wrong direction. To "make the grade" was originally used to describe the ability for locomotives to haul their freight uphill. Terms such as "uppercase" and "lowercase" referred to the physical cases that the letters used in printing presses were stored in – capital letters in the upper case, small letters in the lower. The word "pollution", while in use as early as the 14th century to describe something profane, emerged out of the Industrial Revolution as a word to describe damage to environment from factories. "Entrepreneur" also arose out of that period to describe the businessmen who financed the inventions and factory systems that propelled the Industrial Revolution.

Today, the internet has a huge influence on language. An obvious example is "google" being synonymous with any internet search. On social media, the use of euphemisms to describe serious topics, such as "unalived" instead of died, have been collectively adopted to subvert the automated moderation efforts of some platforms which can sometimes ban specific words and phrases regardless of context. The use of language on one platform often proliferates among multiple platforms as content is syndicated from one to the other, and sometimes even into common usage – for instance it's not uncommon to hear FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) spoken aloud in conversation.

The internet has also proven to be a double-edge sword when it comes to preserving languages. On the one hand, the internet can be a place for repositories and dictionaries of understudied languages. Language learning apps can highlight endangered languages such as Navajo, Yiddish, and Hawaiian just to name a few. Linguists and lovers of language often share their language knowledge enthusiastically on social media. Scottish poet Len Pennie, for instance, has run a popular Scots Word of the Day series on TikTok since 2020.

The internet has also resulted in the further proliferation of the English language globally. Technologies designed in the United States use English and its alphabet by default. Information technology anglicisms including "browser", "computer", and "disk" can be found peppered through many languages throughout the world. English also has long been a lingua franca – a language used for communication between speakers who don't speak a common first language. The fear is that increased reliance on English can result in decreased study in other languages. According to the United Nations, many of the world's indigenous languages are at risk of disappearing as the last of those who speak them reach the end of their lifespans. Organizations like the Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages create living dictionaries to help language preservation efforts.

Technology can also change how people speak. Voice activated digital assistants such as Google Home, Siri, and Alexa have difficulty with accents outside of your bog-standard American accent. In her Mother Jones article "Siri – why don't you understand more people like me?" Sinduja Rangarajan describes her and her daughter's repeated requests for their smart speaker to play a particular Bollywood song. The digital assistant would repeat the song title back in an American accent, which Rangarajan and her daughter found themselves emulating – as if the digital assistant were correcting their already correct pronunciation.

As technology changes our world, it also changes how we talk about our world and relate to others. When you see a new bit of internet slang, remember that you're watching language evolve in real time.

Minden Memories



A scenic fall drive near Minden. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

North Shore Road

To the Editor,

My wife and I agree wholeheartedly with Doug Norris's Letter to the Editor regarding vehicles speeding on North Shore Rd., from Hwy 35 through to the Airport. Everyone could see the sign monitoring and recording their speed in plenty of time to slow down but the five per cent mentioned that did not slow down don't care (but isn't five per cent still too much?).

Again, just last week another tractor trailer came down North Shore and tried to make the turn over the St. Peter's bridge. He made several attempts until someone advised him that he could go along North Shore east to Airport Road then onto 118. He was blocking cars and scraping the guard rails. This happens quite often be-

cause with a speed limit of 50 km Google's GPS will suggest North Shore Road as a route to Hwy 118 and Haliburton etc.

This should not be put upon the OPP (already stressed) but handled by the municipality. Can we not just make the speed limit change to 40 km and signed as a communal residential roadway? Too many cars, trucks and taxis are going over the speed limit and making it quite unsafe for people walking on the road. We also suggest that Mr. Thorn leaves his office and take the time to walk east on North Shore Rd. to see firsthand the speeding; but do watch that you don't have to leap into a culvert to avoid being sideswiped.

Phil Carroll,
Haliburton

HCPL's Book of the Week



Christine Benz, a Morningstar columnist, asked 20 retirement experts to share their top lessons for achieving a successful retirement. These lessons cover both financial topics, like understanding retirement income styles and organizing portfolios, and quality-of-life considerations, such as optimizing happiness and nurturing relationships. Financial insights include advice from Wade Pfau on income strategies, David Blanchett on spending patterns, and William Bernstein on cash flow management. On the personal side, experts like Ramit Sethi, Laura Carstensen, and Jordan Grumet offer guidance on happiness, relationships, and living without regrets in retirement.

How to Retire: 20 Lessons for a Happy, Successful, and Wealthy Retirement by Christine Benz is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

County gets input on STR bylaw and its tax

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Public engagement regarding the municipal accommodation tax yielded a trove of information about the

The municipal accommodation tax (MAT) took effect Oct. 1 as part of the new short-term rental (STR) bylaw in Haliburton County and its four lower tier townships. The tax applies to STR booking placed after Oct. 1.

The tax is parsed so that half of the money raised stays within the respective township and the other half will go toward county-created municipal services corporation and used to fund such efforts as tourism marketing.

Much of the past year has been spent honing the STR bylaw and the associated MAT by way of discussion at the lower and upper tier levels.

Public engagement was conducted through three virtual meetings held in July and August, with a wide range of tourism stakeholders and members of the public in attendance. Feedback was received from about 30 stakeholders and will guide the creation of the municipal services corporation.

A public survey was also posted on the county's Wade In online platform and as many as 80 responses were generated.

Feedback was also received through other forms of communication, including email, phone calls and in-person conversations.

The county's Department of Economic Development and Tourism efforts to reach

out to the public is a legislative requirement on the way to the corporation's creation.

Tourism stakeholders who were residents of Haliburton County provided the lion's share of responses to the survey. And of those, accommodators were the primary respondent.

The survey generated the occasional bit of vitriol against the MAT from people who charged that it's nothing but a cash grab, a tax grab that punishes STR operators. They say that the tax shows a bias on the part of elected councillors against STR owners in favour of hotels and motels, campgrounds, lodges, and trailer parks.

In mix there was also hope that the revenue stream would be used properly and that good things might come from it.

Respondents felt the new corporation should focus on supporting festivals and events; tourism infrastructure such as parks, trails, and signage; and programming to take place outside the summer tourism season;

As economic development priorities, respondents suggested priorities include workforce development, transportation, and ways to draw outside investment to the county.

"In an area where tourism is such a major component of economic development in general, the two should be kept separate in the sense that the tourism budget should not go to other forms of economic development, even if they are related in terms of the overall economy," wrote one anonymous respondent.

"I think it's very important to keep the tourism initiatives moving forward and not

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There should be a tangible improvement to our community. The funds should not be spent on additional marketing or private companies.

— ANONYMOUS RESPONDENT

”

sacrifice them for other economic development projects.”

Questions were broached about how the county and its townships would enforce the STR bylaw and the MAT. One respondent suggested the tax be used to fund a live telephone line “that actually picks up on weekends.”

Another said that there are not enough by-law enforcement officers to complement the system.

“The MAT will stifle tourism in our county,” a respondent wrote. “Another tax is just another form of over taxing a population that is already overtaxed.”

One respondent implored the county to restore tourism as its top priority toward economic development. That will enable local business to see results of economic development through revenue generation as

opposed to revenue from taxation.

In line with that was the suggestion that the county would benefit more by indirectly supporting tourism.

“For example, using these (MAT) funds for a daycare centre or summer camp would lead to more people being available in the workforce while at the same time enriching lives for local children and families,” the writer contends. “As a local employer, I see child-care requirements forcing many people out of full-time work.”

It was suggested that using MAT funds to beef up enforcement of shoreline protection bylaws would be prudent as the region's natural assets lure many tourists to the area.

“Adding the MAT tax to STRs (the county's largest accommodation provider and largest generator of tourist spending in the local economy) is ludicrous and puts the county at a competitive disadvantage,” reads another survey response.

Another commenter indicated full support for the MAT on STRs. They said the tax will benefit all tourism operations if used to properly market the region as a destination.

There are also pleas to use all of the new revenue stream to improve basic infrastructure in the county.

“A community pool to better health and wellness, playgrounds, and splash pads inclusive for all mobility abilities,” reads one. “There should be a tangible improvement to our community. The funds should not be spent on additional marketing or private companies. We need to see these funds injected to the year-round community.”



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Ralph Torrie presents on urgent climate action

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, Ralph Torrie presented on energy systems for Environment Haliburton's Enviro-Cafe. Ralph Torrie is the Director of Research for Corporate Knights, a sustainable-economy media and research organization. Their quarterly magazine, Corporate Knights discusses climate change, responsible investing and the ideas, actions, and innovations needed to work towards a sustainable economy.

Torrie has a personal connection to Terry Moore, the vice president of Environment Haliburton.

"When I arrived at the University of Waterloo in the September in 1970, [Terry] was already a big guy on campus. He was already active in student politics, then I lost track of him for a number of decades and then he pops up, where else, but in the Haliburton Highlands," opened Torrie.

To begin Torrie's presentation, Torrie showed a map of the world from 1490.

"At that time, maps were treasures and were fiercely guarded by the people that owned them," said Torrie. "The reason I am putting this up here is to contrast with this map [from 1507]. America has started to reveal itself."

"17 years. I think it is very hard when you are under a big transition or a big change to appreciate just how quickly things can change," said Torrie. "When our understanding changes of where we really are in the grand scheme of things."

"We continue to broaden our understanding of where we are in the grand scheme of things physically."

Torrie discussed the Ptolemaic pathways of the planets that was expanded upon by

Capernicus' proposal of the planets revolving around the sun.

"A lot of this understanding has developed only recently. When our way of seeing things changes, a whole new way of seeing things opens up."

"What I'd like to know is what kind of economic activity could take place outside of the environment," asked Torrie when showing a diagram of sustainable development.

"Much of our understanding has moved from the earth being in the centre to the periphery," said Torrie.

So has our understanding of the phenomena of our environment and society, said Torrie.

"That simple change in thinking is enough to make one reconsider how we have to behave in order to make this sustainable."

Torrie described there being three 'house rules' for a sustainable planet Earth.

1. Everything goes somewhere. There is no such thing as waste.

2. Everything is connected.

3. Nature is an independent power and does not negotiate.

"Nothing comes close compared to what we have done since when the industrial society started," said Torrie.

When you deliver this large blow to a complex system, you cannot compare the patterns of carbon dioxide concentration, said Torrie.

The costs will be enormous, let alone the cost in human suffering, said Torrie.

Torrie offered some possible solutions to tackle the climate crisis.

"The way that I approach that question given the complexity of the system is to look for the principles of a sustainable energy system," said Torrie.

"You take a look at the way nature does this. If you are looking for an example of sustainability, that is the only game in town. Try and embed those designs and those ideas into human technology and then maybe you can conform to the three simple rules," said Torrie.

"There really isn't any waste in nature. One output for an organism is an input for another one."

Torrie also highlighted the importance of circular flow of materials, not emitting toxic or radioactive waste, resiliency of energy generation and to have safeties in place of a failure. Torrie also said that the method of energy production should not generate ecological risk and to reinforce cultural values such as equity access.

Torrie said that five things must happen for this transition including efficiency, the role of electricity expanding into transportation and heat, decarbonizing the electrical supply, a sustainable production of biofuels and the innovation of new technology to reduce fuel and electricity needed for human needs such as amenities.

"Even if we do all these things, we cannot be growing the same way that we have been

growing," said Torrie.

"We are not getting out of this unless we address consumerism, ask the question when is enough, enough," said Torrie.

We need a gentler and ecologically less harmful way to get the things we need without the pressure of wanting more, more, more, said Torrie.

"We have had this relationship with fire that has been going on for a long time now, we have to move on."

Torrie described that in the future, if nothing is done, there are feedback loops that will start to accelerate and make everything unmanageable.

"We need to figure out what needs to be done, then do it. Not only do half of it," said Torrie.

"One of the things that make this a wicked problem is that there isn't just one solution."

"Generally speaking, the technology for this is now available. Technology at this point is not the reason we are being held back."

Torrie explained that the things you need to do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, almost always yield other benefits. The benefits of sustainable energy are almost always higher value to the people that emit greenhouse gas emissions, said Torrie.

Often, proposals are sent and presented to councils while labelled as an economic strategy, not a climate change strategy.

Buildings that are smart and efficient are healthier places to live and work and they are better assets to own, explained Torrie.

"It is these other benefits that are the key to 'selling' if you want to put it that way, to address the climate problem."

"Most of the buildings that are going to be standing in 2050 have already been built. They need heating systems that are going to be replaced and they need repairing," said Torrie. "We are at a point in our infrastructure situation where there is a round of re-investment that is going to have to be done anyway and to make sure it is green."

Torrie says that Canada has a rich economy and capability for infrastructure. However, we have built this economy and power generation unrenewable energy sources such as the oil sands.

Torrie says that the cost of the technology has been dropping in cost faster than anything else we have seen. The solutions are growing at a much faster rate than the

problem.

Torrie and his team estimate that the cost needed to allow for a sustainable, green energy based economy is around 120 to 145 billion dollars. Right now, there is 20 billion being invested.

"These floods and these fires and these droughts and these heat waves, they come at an enormous cost," said Torrie. "They will continue unless we can counteract it with some form of control."

Torrie also discussed the tariffs and restrictions of Chinese made electric vehicles being imported into Canada.

"Yes there are problems with Chinese supply chains but that would have been a big boon to combat climate change in Canada. Western car makers do not make an affordable electric car here."

"Local governments are closest to the ground in making these systems change. They have an enormous influence over the level of greenhouse gas emissions in the community whether that be transportation, building permits, or land use," said Torrie. "There is a long list of ways that local governments influence greenhouse gas solutions."

Torrie says that local government policy, bylaw, and planning is climate action planning. It is quite important to the transition towards the post-fossil period.

"Electricity growth peaked in 2005. For almost 20 years we have been on a downward slope in electricity use," said Torrie.

"There is a different way of seeing the future when you come to the climate change challenge. If you respond to it, improve the lens of the old paradigm, if you can make that transition towards thinking of an energy future that is designed and built to stay inside the planetary limits," said Torrie. "We are not going to Mars. This is it. This is our home."

"Nobody is coming to rescue us. We are just a tiny little speck in the grand scheme of things. I think that the environmental crisis really presents to us is a test of no other to humanity," said Torrie. "It is a human challenge. It is a human crisis, it is human in its origins. It is human in the sense that it presents a choice. If we choose a sustainable future, we can make it happen. There is nothing that permits this sustainable future to be possible except the limits of imagination."

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Nolan Whitteker of Minden high fives a teammate during their volleyball team at Hal High. /TIM YANO Staff

HCPL Dorset branch is opening

The Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) is delighted to announce that the Dorset branch is re-opening! Please join us for the Dorset Branch Grand Opening Celebration on Oct. 25 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., with a ribbon-cutting, fun family-friendly activities, and free cupcakes.

The Dorset branch is a 683-square foot space on the lower level of the Dorset Recreation Centre (DRC), located at 1051 Main Street in Dorset, Ontario. This will be HCPL's eighth branch within the County, and it's second branch within the Township of Algonquin Highlands. The Dorset branch will be open 14 hours per week:

Wednesdays - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fridays - 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturdays - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Dorset Recreation Centre was closed in 2019 to undergo a large-scale rehabilitation project. Since the closure of the previous Dorset branch, HCPL has offered several library materials pick-up options for Dorset residents, including most recently via our Dorset Depot Library Lockers outside at Robinsons General Store.

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to invite the community into our new Dorset library space inside the DRC. The branch has been furnished with shelving and furniture installed by Schoolhouse Products Inc. Our Dorset collection features a terrific selection of brand-new books for children, teens and adults as well as movies, audiobooks and fun things to borrow (e.g. Provincial Parks passes). Like our other HCPL service points, the Dorset branch will offer free Wi-Fi, a public computer, printer and copier, comfortable seating, and a welcoming children's area. The HCPL team will offer free public programming, in-branch activities, and monthly take-home STEAM-focused learning kits for children.

A heartfelt thanks goes to the Township of Algonquin Highlands Council members and members of the Haliburton County Public Library Board for the funding which has enabled us to re-open a full-service branch in Dorset.

We sincerely thank Algonquin Highlands staff members, Haliburton County staff from the IT and Corporate Services departments, and especially HCPL staff for the hard work that has gone into planning, preparing and opening a branch in Dorset. In advance of the Grand Opening Celebration on Oct. 25, staff will do a soft opening of the Dorset branch on Friday Oct. 11, 2024.

About HCPL:

The Haliburton County Public Library provides free public access to collections, spaces, programs and services to meet the lifelong learning and literacy needs of Haliburton County residents. HCPL cards can be used at all 8 of our branches across the County, including at our new Dorset branch.

HCPL patrons can place holds for books held at any branch across the County and choose to pick up requested items up at their closest HCPL location. If you live (or own property) in Haliburton County, you are entitled to a free HCPL card. To sign up for a library card you will need to show documentation with your name and local address on it (such as government identification, a bill that's addressed to you at your Haliburton County address, a copy of your lease, etc). For those who live outside of Haliburton County, we have reciprocal borrowing agreements in place with many of our neighbouring library systems, including with the Lake of Bays Public Library.

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Bump, set, spike

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Jr Boys Volleyball team played St. Thomas Aquinas on Oct. 8. /TIM YANO Staff



Cobalt Blooms and Burner Herzog Two New Documentaries by Jorden Vandenberg

Saturday, October 19 @ 2 pm



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HUSKIES DEFEAT TRENTON GOLDEN HAWKS 5-4



The Haliburton Huskies defeated the Trenton Golden Hawks 5-4 on Saturday, Oct. 13. /TIM YANO Staff



Haunting in Minden Hills

The Haunting in Minden Hills Halloween event is returning this year to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday, Oct. 26. Activities will be scheduled from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and again from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Heritage Village and Nature's Place Interpretive Centre will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., featuring spooky decorations, hands-on crafts, Halloween games, pumpkin carving, and coloring sheets throughout the day.

The event activity schedule is as follows:

- Storytime by the Haliburton County Public Library from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Costume parade 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Witch dance workshop by Dance Happens Here Haliburton 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Paranormal Haunted House Tour from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

• Face-painting by Pockets the Clown from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library will host a sci-fi/thriller book sale, and the Library will offer spooky crafts from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Welch Room. Admission is by donation. Registration is not required. Prizes sponsored by local businesses and will be awarded for pumpkin carving, costume parades and colouring sheet contest. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, Ontario, and is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Cultural Centre's social media calendar page: <https://www.facebook.com/mindenculturalcentre>.

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Gifts from the Heart fundraising campaign

We invite you to be a part of something truly special! Our Annual Fundraising Campaign, "Gifts from the Heart," is essential for sustaining our Community Kitchen Program, which provides nourishing meals to those in need in our community.

Why is this important?

Our Community Kitchen Program serves our seniors and families facing food insecurity, offering them the dignity of a good meal. Last year, thanks to the incredible generosity of people like you, we prepared 16,800 free, nutritious meals! But we need your help to continue this vital work.

Here's the truth: We receive no government funding for this program. Its success relies solely on the donations from our compassionate community members. Your con-

tribution can make a significant impact!

How can you help?

Donate: Every dollar counts! Your donation helps us continue this vital program.

Spread the Word: Share this campaign with your friends and family. Together, we can reach more hearts and hands.

Go to sirch.on.ca/donate to learn more about the "Gifts from the Heart" campaign and how you can get involved. Together, we can ensure that no one in our community goes hungry.

Thank you for your support!

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VDO will continue to provide care

In response to the evolving landscape of dental care in Canada, Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County (VDO) is adjusting its services to better meet community needs in Haliburton County. With the federal government's continuing rollout of the Canada Dental Care Plan (CDCP), many low-income residents in Haliburton County will now have wide access to affordable dental care, resulting in a decreased patient load at VDO.

Therefore, as of January 1, 2025, VDO will no longer provide dental care through the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program.

VDO will remain open to provide care to those county residents who do not qualify for the Canada Dental Care Plan but who meet the qualifications for dental care under

VDO's original mandate:

Providing free dental care to low-income residents of Haliburton County who do not have dental insurance and who have nowhere else to turn.

In light of these changes, the 2025 Lisa Kerr Memorial Golf Tournament fundraising event has been suspended. The Board will assess future community needs before making further decisions.

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Haliburton County receives grant

The County of Haliburton is pleased to be named a recipient of the 2024-2025 Seniors Community Grant to support Aging Together as Community's [ATAC] new project, Bridging the Gaps.

"I am greatly appreciative for this funding from the Ontario Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility to help support programming for seniors in Haliburton County," said Liz Danielsen, Warden, County of Haliburton. "This partnership between the Province, the County, and Aging Together as Community positively benefits the senior population and County as a whole."

The Bridging the Gaps project will provide social, health, fitness, educational and digital literacy programming to help rural, low-income and 2SLGBTQIA+ seniors stay active, connected and living independently throughout Haliburton County. The project was awarded \$25,000 through the Seniors Community Grant Program.

"This funding is perfect timing for ATAC," said Paul Moore, ATAC Steering Committee member. "Our programme not only fits with the priorities of the Seniors Community Grant Program of reducing isolation, being connected, accessing services and programs and increasing supports for health prevention and health promotion, but also, is extremely timely overlapping with some of the outcomes and directives from our recent community survey."

The provincial funding will enable ATAC to continue its goal of bringing more seniors throughout Haliburton County together in inclusive meetings both virtually and in-person. Meetings will also provide an opportunity for participants to hear from speakers on a variety of educational topics such as Navigating the Health Care System and Understanding Digital Technology, while sharing a healthy meal and having time to socialize and make friends.

"The renewed support for Aging Together as a Community is welcome news for Haliburton County," said Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. "Our government is continuing their commitment to helping seniors stay active and healthy in our community and across our province."

Haliburton County has a rural population of more than 20,000 residents, with over 35 per cent of residents being 65 or older.

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Answers on page 15



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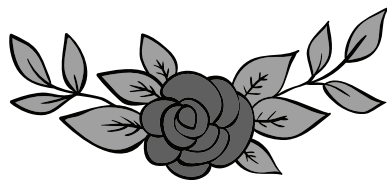
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out on his daily walks. He loved to travel, while also being active in his community. He was previously a member of the Haliburton Curling Club. Before retiring for a relaxing life of golfing, curling, and traveling; he worked Security at GM Oshawa for 39 years. Percy will be remembered not only for his dedication to his friends and family but also for his fun-loving spirit. His grateful nature and kind approach to all made him loved by many.

In the spirit of Percy's grateful nature, the family would like to express many thanks to all the staff at Bloom Retirement Residence in Oshawa, which Percy and his wife called home in recent months. Thanks also go out to the ER and ICU staff at Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

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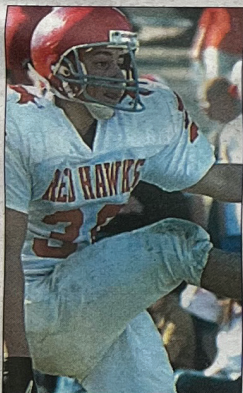
LOOK INSIDE



Studio Tour

It's not only the autumn colours which have been on display the past two weekends.

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Take that!

Red Hawks football team destroys the opposition - too bad the girls' rugby team couldn't say the same

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In Quotes

"It's always nice to find out the invading species are not here"

OFAH's Cherish Gamble



Debra Lum/TIMES

Ready for Hallowe'en

Eight-year-old Matthew Kim is grinning ear to ear with the anticipation of Halloween. His family's inflatable giant jack o' lantern is one of many decorations at his house on Main St. in Minden. Now that Thanksgiving is over, the village's decorators will festooning their homes with ghosts, goblins and all things fanciful in preparation for October 31.

Tim Hortons builds towards Xmas opening

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Anyone dreaming of a double double Timmy's style for Christmas may get their wish as the dozers dig into the site of a new Tim Hortons on Highway 35.

The former Dave's On 35 site will be transformed into a full-sized Tim Hortons store, a Snack Express convenience store and a Pioneer Petroleum six-gas-pump station with 12 nozzles.

The project is a first-time collaboration of its sort between the two partners. The two stores will operate independently from each other.

When representatives from the two businesses first showed up at Minden Hills council last spring with drawings and a proposed site plan they were optimistically hoping to have the two franchises established by this summer.

However, Ministry of Transportation approval of the site plans took far longer than anticipated by either council or the developers.

Fraser MacDonald, Minden Hills' chief building officer, says that the same day MTO approval was delivered the equipment moved into the site.

He said the site plan was not altered by the MTO and that the two companies will be using the

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